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FM AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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PASS TREASURY FOR ZINMAN/DRESS AND EMERSON DAVIS, JR.

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SUBJ: PROJECT INSPECTION TRIP BY TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL GROUP

REF: A) STATE 242642; B) STATE 249175; C) STATE 254008

1. EMBASSY DAKAR WELCOMES ADDITION OF SENEGAL TO AFRICAN ITINERARY OF TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL INSPECTION TRIP. WE MAY ENCOUNTER SOME SENSITIVITIES ON PART OF SENEGALESE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE QUESTIONED UTILITY IN PAST OF USG VISITS SCHEDULED DURING WEEKEND PERIOD, WHEN GOVERNMENT OFFICES ARE CLOSED AND MANY OFFICIALS UNAVAILABLE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE WEEKEND TIMING WILL POSE INSUPERABLE OBSTACLES, AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT USEFUL BRIEFINGS CAN BE ARRANGED.

2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT GROUP ARRIVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 22, AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP EXPECTED ARRIVAL TIME SO THAT WE MAY BEGIN SCHEDULING EVENTS. IN VIEW OF AMBITIOUS BAMAKO STOP PLANNED FOR MONDAY, NOV. 24

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ENROUTE TO ABIDJAN, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT GROUP WILL WISH TO DEPART

DAKAR AT DAYBREAK AND DOES NOT DESIRE ANY ENGAGEMENTS ON MONDAY.
PLEASE CONFIRM.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTING GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL APPROVAL OF VISIT
BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE, BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT ANTICIPATE THAT GOS
WILL RAISE OBJECTIONS. SO THAT WE MAY KEEP GOS INFORMED AS FULLY
AS POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON BREAKDOWN
OF 42 MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AS SOON AS COMPOSITION BEGINS TO
CRYSTALLIZE.

4. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT WILL BE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER
ALAN MCKEE. DEPUTY CONTROL OFFICER IS ECON OFFICER GEORGE WILSON.
EMBASSY OFFICER TO RECEIVE PASSPORTS AND HANDLE ENTRY/EXIT
FORMALITIES AT AIRPORT WILL BE ADMIN COUNSELOR JULIAN NICHOLAS,
WHO WILL ALSO ACT AS BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICER; COST SUMMATION
OF ESTIMATED EXPENSES AND RESPONSES TO ADMIN QUESTIONS NOT
DEALT WITH BELOW WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

5. REFTTEL C SUGGESTED VISITS TO DAKAR AIRPORT PROJECT,
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORP. AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND FISHING
PROJECT. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON EACH PROPOSAL FOLLOWS:

A. WORK IS ALMOST COMPLETED ON IBRD-FINANCED EXTENSION OF DAKAR
AIRPORT RUNWAY, AND TOUR OF AIRPORT FACILITY MAY BE FEASIBLE
SATURDAY MORNING. WHILE THERE IS NOT GREAT DEAL TO SEE,
AIRPORT AT LEAST HAS VIRTUE OF BEING CLOSE AT HAND UPON GROUP'S
ARRIVAL IN DAKAR.

B. EMBASSY BELIEVES "DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORP." MAY REFER TO
SOFISEDIT (SOCIETE FINANCIERE SENEGALAISE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT
DE L'INDUSTRIE ET DU TOURISME) WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED WITH IBRD
SUPPORT TO PROVIDE CAPITAL TO SENEGALESE BUSINESSMEN LAUNCHING
NEW FIRMS. SOFISEDIT DOES NOT HAVE AFDB FINANCING, ALTHOUGH
SENEGALESE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (BNDS) HAS AN UNUSED AFDB LINE
OF CREDIT.

C. EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY IDA-FINANCED FISHERIES PROJECT
ACTUALLY UNDERWAY IN SENEGAL. TWO PROPOSED PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY
UNDER DISCUSSION, BUT EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE
REACHED STAGE WHICH WOULD PERMIT PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS FOR CONG-
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RESSIONAL/TREASURY GROUP.

D. THREE EXISTING PROJECTS FINANCED BY IDA FALL INTO TECHNICAL
EDUCATION CATEGORY, BUT NONE IS LOCATED IN DAKAR. ONE IS
LOCATED IN SENEGAL'S CASAMANCE REGION, THE SECOND AT DIOURBEL,
AND THE THIRD INVOLVES VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CENTERS SCATTERED
ACROSS COUNTRY. EMBASSY IS SEEKING MORE INFORMATION, BUT
DISTANCES INVOLVED APPEAR TO PRECLUDE VISIT DURING WEEKEND DAKAR

STOP.

6. GIVEN INTERESTS OF CONGRESSIONAL/TREASURY GROUP, EMBASSY BELIEVES MOST PROFITABLE ACTIVITY WOULD BE BRIEFING BY HIGH OFFICIAL OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND COOPERATION, WHO COULD DISCUSS FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LENDING INSTITUTIONS IN SENEGAL AND EXPLAIN IMPORTANCE GOS ATTACHES TO THEM IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. IF GROUP CONCURS, EMBASSY COULD APPROACH MINISTRY TO ASCERTAIN FEASIBILITY TO SUCH BRIEFING WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF SOFISEDIT, BNDS AND SONED (SOCIETE NATIONALE POUR LES ETUDES DE DEVELOPPEMENT) MIGHT ALSO BE ASKED TO ATTEND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE INTERNATIONALLY-FUNDED ACTIVITIES. REQUEST DEPT'S REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION SOONEST.

7. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO PURSUE SCHEDULE COMMENCING WITH BRIEF TOUR OF AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL (10:00-10:45), FOLLOWED BY MINISTRY OF PLAN MEETING BEGINNING AT 11:00 OR 11:30. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF ALL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WOULD TAKE PART IN BOTH ACTIVITIES. BRIEFING ON ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER LUNCH. VISIT TO ARTISAN VILLAGE (WHERE WEST AFRICAN HANDICRAFTS CAN BE PURCHASED) COULD BE ARRANGED IN LATE AFTERNOON. WILL EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AT LUNCH AND/OR SATURDAY EVENING INVOLVING NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND/OR DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS. SUNDAY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPTEL.

8. USIS IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC VOERAGE AS REQUESTED. COPIES OF FRIDAY USIS WIRELESS FILE (RECEIVED IN DAKAR ON SATURDAY) WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. SINCE NO WIRELESS FILES ARE TRANSMITTED ON SUNDAY OR MONDAY, NO OTHER WIRELESS COPY CAN BE SUPPLIED TO GROUP DURING DAKAR STOP. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF SATURDAY GOVERNMENT-DIRECTED LE SOLEIL NEWSPAPER; MONDAY EDITION WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE AVAILABLE ABOUT 0800. NO LOCAL PAPER IS PUBLISHED ON SUNDAY.

9. STATUS OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND TREASURY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER EMERSON DAVIS.
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